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FORMER ELSMERE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF STATE TAX REFUND

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that a former Elsmere resident pleaded guilty in Superior Court in connection with the theft of a state tax refund check.

Lyndsay C. Nolan, 29, pleaded guilty before NCC Judge William C. Carpenter, Jr. to one misdemeanor count of theft based on a false tax return she filed with the State of Delaware.

Nolan was originally charged in a four-count indictment in May 2008 with two counts of filing a false tax return, as well as theft and attempted theft.

An investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit revealed that during the years 2005 and 2006, Nolan electronically filed false state income tax returns in an attempt to obtain fraudulent tax refunds totaling about \$5,000.00 from the State of Delaware. Nolan succeeded in obtaining a fraudulent refund from the Division of Revenue in an amount less than \$1,000.00. Each of the tax returns prepared and filed by Nolan overstated the amount of state withholding tax reported on her employer-issued W-2 forms. Nolan requested that the fraudulent refunds be directly deposited into her personal bank account or an account which she controlled.

Nolan was sentenced by Judge Carpenter to one year in jail. The sentence was suspended and Nolan was placed on probation for one year. She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$659.16 to the Division of Revenue for the remaining amount of unpaid state income taxes.

The case was prosecuted by the Delaware Attorney General's Office.

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